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Thought it would be good to update all on some of the things going on at McKenzie River

- Engine 311 was involved in a motor vehicle accident this morning while turning into fire camp .. They were making a right turn into fire camp and a vehicle was making an illegal pass on the right .. All our folks are ok – shaken a bit – and we'll be monitoring their well-being .. The driver of the POV was taken to the Hospital with non-life threatening injuries .. The Engine sustained damage to the passenger side bumper and cab – will be out of service for the foreseeable future
- You may have read in the paper about a hit and run accident that happened on Sept 3rd involving a Water Tender driver who was working on the Terwilliger Fire – He was crossing the highway at night by fire camp and was hit by a mini-van and sustained critical injuries .. This is still an on-going investigation
- The Northern Rockies Team in charge of the Terwilliger Fire is continuing to work with ODOT on making that stretch of Hwy 126 safer for the public and the firefighters
- I was able to drive and look at the Terwilliger Fire the past 3 days – have been pretty impressed with the work by all on a very difficult Fire .. We still have a lot of work in front of us and will be bringing in another Type 2 Team to replace the Northern Rockies Team .. Team 8 (Doug Johnson) will be in-briefing on Monday, Shadowing on Tuesday, and will take the Fire over on Wednesday at 0600 .. The weather will dictate how long Team 8 stays on the Fire .. We will be going into a cooler weather pattern next week with some rain/shower possibilities – but still NO season ending event yet forecasted .. We are in the very early stages of planning a Type 3 organization – Dirk Rogers is coordinating that – so please e-mail him your availability or interest including trainees
- The Team is looking for HEQB .. We are at a PL 3 regionally – so resources are available and the Team is starting to scale back and downsize a bit
- I do want to thank ALL for the help on this fire – lots of good things have happened and some learning along the way as well .. We'll continue to need help throughout and will be in touch

I want to end by saying this fire is not out and even though we have cooler weather coming and the fire is looking good – the potential is still there .. Thanks again for the support and help ☺



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